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1. SUMMARY: WHILE MOST OF THE REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO THE
INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR IN LAOS IN REFTEL GENERALLY FOLLOW
GOI POLICY LINES, WE DO NOT SEE ANY INDONESIAN "TILT" TOWARD
THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS FRIENDS AT THE EXPENSE OF ITS RELA-
TIONS WITH THE PRC AND CAMBODIA. END SUMMARY.

2. WE BELIEVE THE REMARKS OF INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR IN
VIENTIANE, SUFFRI JUSUF, REPORTED IN REFTEL ARE SOMEWHAT
MISLEADING. WHILE IT IS ACCURATE TO SAY THAT INDONESIA HAS
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GENERALLY BEEN DRAGGING ITS FEET IN CURRENT EFFORTS TO RE-
SUME DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE PRC, THERE IS NO NEW DEPARTURE
IN ITS POLICY VIS-A-VIS THE USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE.
FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJA TOLD REPORTERS
JUNE 9 THAT THE GOI HAD NO INTENTION OF RENEGING ON ITS
PROMISE TO REOPEN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE PRC,
BUT A NUMBER OF MATTERS MUST BE SETTLED FIRST, INCLUD-

ING THE STATUS OF CHINESE IMMIGRANTS IN INDONESIA, TRADE AGREEMENTS, DEBTS, AND FORMER DIPLOMATIC PROPERTIES.

3. FOR SOME TIME NOW, INDONESIA HAS PERCEIVED A DECLINING INTEREST ON THE PART OF THE WEST, AND THE U.S. IN PARTICULAR, IN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. INDONESIA'S EXCLUSION FROM THE GSP LIST, CESSATION OF GRANT MILITARY AID AND DIFFERENCES WITH THE U.S. ON MTN ISSUES HAVE INTER ALIA SUGGESTED TO INDONESIA A RELATIVE DIMINUTION OF THE WEST'S INTEREST IN THE REGION. INDONESIA HAS, THEREFORE, GRADUALLY STEPPED UP ITS CONTACTS WITH EASTERN EUROPE, ESPECIALLY YUGOSLAVIA, OVER THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. INDONESIA REMAINS HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS, HOWEVER, OF THE USSR AND ITS INTENTIONS, AND CONTINUES TO KEEP THE SOVIETS AT ARM'S LENGTH.

4. WITH RESPECT TO THE VIETNAM-CAMBODIA CONFLICT, INDONESIA IS PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN NEGOTIATIONS THAT MAY LEAD TO AN AGREEMENT ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF WITH THE SRV, AND DOES NOT, THEREFORE, WANT TO "ROCK THE BOAT" BY RESPONDING AT THIS TIME TO CAMBODIA'S REPORTED OVERTURES TO MOVE TOWARDS ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. IT IS NOT IN INDONESIA'S LONG-TERM INTEREST, HOWEVER, TO HAVE THE SRV SUCCEED IN ANY ATTEMPT TO ABSORB CAMBODIA. AS RELATIONS IMPROVE WITH VIETNAM, INDONESIA CAN BE EX-

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PECTED TO BE MORE FORTHCOMING IN ITS CONTACTS WITH CAMBODIA.

5. AS FAR AS WE CAN SEE, THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN INDONESIA'S POLICY TOWARD THE COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES CALL FOR CONTINUED CAUTION IN MOVING TOWARDS THE RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH THE PRC, FOR EFFORTS TO SETTLE OUTSTANDING ISSUES WITH THE SRV AND FOR CLOSER RELATIONS WITH EASTERN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY YUGOSLAVIA.

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